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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 15 January 1953

Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA
Loftus E. Becker
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant
Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic
Energy Commission
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. Richard M. Scammon, Department of State
Colonel Gerald F. Lillard, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel H. N. Maples, Department of the Army
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Colonel C. M. Young, United States Air Force
Colonel Jack E. Thomas, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff
Colonel W. Asmuth, Jr., The Joint Staff
Colonel Edwin M. Cahill, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 8 January 1953 (IAC-M-93), were approved.

France's Prospective Ability
to Play a Major Role in the
Western Security System
(NIE-63)

2. Action: Approved, as amended.

Program of National Intel-
ligence Estimates for 1953

3. Action: Approved, it being noted that approval effects a cancellation of SIE-6 (Formerly NIE-60, Part III), Soviet Programs to Disperse Industry and Stockpile, but that the critical aspects which would have appeared in that estimate will be pursued as ORR studies or contributions to other estimates.

4. Discussion: The program of NIE's was considered by the members to be a very useful step forward and particularly helpful to the agencies in planning and reviewing their departmental production programs in support of National Estimates. The approach of this paper, it was noted, is a regional one, it being anticipated that about half of the working time would be devoted to the stated program and the remainder to those estimates which would become necessary to meet the needs of the National Security Council and which, in the nature of things, cannot be anticipated.

5. General Porter offered four proposals* for future estimates which he felt would be helpful in anticipating forthcoming needs for National Policy action prior to such needs being apparent to

- * a. Advantages to the USSR in the Acquisition of Further Land Masses.
b. Advantages to the USSR in Furthering Nationalist Movements in Colonial or Former Colonial Areas.
c. Advantages to the USSR deriving from the establishment of certain Communist governments throughout the world.
d. Effects of the deviation of presently Communist-controlled governments.

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the policy makers. He recognized that the courses of action most likely to be adopted by the Soviets would not necessarily be determined by these studies. Nevertheless, he felt that examination of the subjects proposed would be a start toward the type of study that would permit our estimates to be prepared deliberately and carefully in advance of policy makers' requests. He said that the new administration would probably require a more vitalized approach, that the four proposals were only a beginning, and that hard thinking would be required if such a development were to be successful. Mr. Armstrong thought the JIG proposal a good one, but saw difficulties in scheduling the work of his people in this regard in the face of inadequate staff. He suggested that when we had made considerable progress in developing the studies on the regional approach we might be in a better position, within our personnel capabilities, to attack this problem.

6. General Samford stated his view that it is most desirable to expand our planned estimate coverage to subjects more closely and accurately related to National Security Council problems, and that we must be imaginative and farsighted to do this. He did not endorse the subjects presented by General Porter as necessarily accomplishing the end intended but requested that General Porter's views be accurately recorded in the minutes to provide a reference for further consideration of this problem. General Porter indicated that he himself was not entirely clear as to the exact form that the terms of reference for these studies might take. However, he offered to submit a draft terms of reference of one of these subjects for interagency discussion.

7. The acting Chairman noted that the incoming administration would be reviewing major U. S. policies, that such review would carry the usual requirement for an intelligence estimate, and that members of the IAC should accordingly make every effort to identify at the earliest possible moment such intelligence requirements.

Probable Developments in
Iran Through 1953 (NIE-75/1)

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE IAC:

Page ~~three~~^{two} of IAC-M-94, 15 January 1953 has been revised in accordance with General Samford's request at the last IAC meeting. The recipients are requested to destroy the original and substitute the attached page.

JAMES Q. REBER
Secretary